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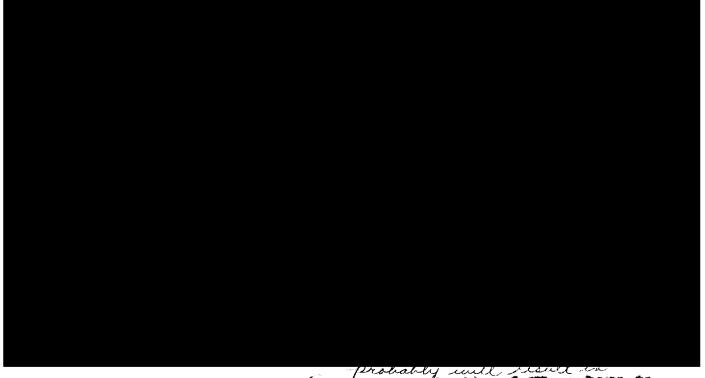
I. Early this morning (0015 EST; O615 French time) France exploded second nuclear device in the Sahara.

4. First test was on 13 February,

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II. French announcement says today's device was plutonium bomb, and was step toward miniaturization with the objective or preparing an operational weapon.

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III. Public reactions to new test may force majority of UN members to agree to special UN General Assembly measion.

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